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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECT GARBLED PARA 1. C. LINE ONE)

E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: TSPA, NASA, MA, US

SUBJECJC RATSIRAKA ISSUES ULTIMATUM; DEPLOYS SECURITY FORCES AT
NASA SATION

REF: TANANARIVE 1215

1. GIST OF NOTE HANDED TO CHARGE BY SECGEN FOREIGN OFFICE
AT 5:30 P.M. TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (SRC) FINDS ORIGINAL TERMS
OF 1963 NASA ACCORD AND CHARGE'S NOTE OF JULY 10 UNACCEPTABLE.

(D) SRC CANNOT RENEW ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND UNLESS SATISFACTORY
NEW PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM U.S. AUTHORITIES BY JULY 14 STATION
WILL CLOSE THAT DATE.

(C) "WITHOUT INTENT OF PROVOCATION BUT WITH SOLE DESIRE TO
GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL AND INTEGRITY OF MATERIAL
OF NASA", STATION WILL BE PLACED UNDER PROTECTION OF SECURITY
FORCES THIS DATE.

2. CHARGE ASKED IF GOMR TROOPS PLAN TO OCCUPY STATION.
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SECGEN OBVIOUSLY NOT SURE BUT SAID NO THEY WOULD DEPLOY
AROUND STATION. CHARGE ASKED IF U.S. PERSONNEL WOULD BE
FREE TO ENTER AND LEAVE STATION. HE HESITATED AGAIN BUT
SAID THEY SURELY WOULD NOT BE HELD PRISONER. SECGEN THEN

SAID RATSIRAKA WOULD ADDRESS NATION ON NASA PROBLEM TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M. IN MALAGASY AND AT 8:00 P.M. IN FRENCH. CHARGE ASKED IF GOMR WOULD PERMIT ORDERLY CLOSING OF STATION AND EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT. HE DID NOT ANSWER BUT DIRECTED MY ATTENTION TO POINT IN NOTE THAT GOMR WOULD WAIT FOR USG RESPONSE. CHARGE SAID HE HAD UNDERSTOOD. SECGEN THEN BEGAN ELABORATE HIS WHEREABOUTS, BUT CHARGE TOLD HIM HE EXPECTED QUICK RESPONSE AND SIMPLY TOOK HIS HOME NUMBER AND LEFT.

3. CHARGE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT DRAFT RESPONSE OR CONVOKE MALAGASY AMBASSADOR KEEPING EQUIPMENT EXPORT PROBLEM IN MIND. CHARGE NEEDS TO DEAL WITH IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS.

4. JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM STATION THAT TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED AND ORDERED STATION TO CLOSE DOWN IMMEDIATELY. CHARGE CALLED SECGEN AND TOLD HIM THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT HE TOLD ME OR WHAT HE

INDICATED. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK.

5. CURFEW STILL EXISTS FROM 2400 TO 0400 HERE AND WE PREFER NOT KEEP COMMUNICATOR OVERNIGHT AT EMBASSY SINCE TOMORROW PROMISES TO BE BUSY. RESPONSE THAT REACHES US AFTER 0500Z 12 JULY O.K. WE WILL BE OPERATING HERE TODAY TO ABOUT 11:00PM LOCAL OR 2000Z JULY 11.
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